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SUBJ: WORKERS COMMISSIONS LEADER DISCOUNTS POSSIBILITY OF
STRIKES AND LABOR VIOLENCE AT TRANSITION

1. LABATT TODAY SAW CONTACT WHO IS A LEADING THEORETICIAN
IN COMMUNIST-MANIPULATED WORKERS COMMISSIONS. HE SAID
WORKERS COMMISSIONS HAVE SPREAD THE WORD TO THEIR MEMBERS
THAT THERE IS TO BE NO STRIKE OR OTHER WORKER PROTEST
ACTIVITY AT TIME OF TRANSITION. THE SOURCE SAID IT WAS
PROBABLY UNNECESSARY TO EVEN ISSUE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS,
BECAUSE THE WORKERS THEMSELVES REALIZE ANY ACTIVITY AT
THIS TIME WOULD PREJUDICE THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND MERELY
INVITE REPRESSION. HE ADDED THAT WORKERS ARE AMONG MOST
RESPONSIBLE AND DISCIPLINED SECTOR OF SPANISH SOCIETY,
HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL STAKE TO PRESERVE, AND HAVE
MAINTAINED RELATIVELY QUIET RECENT LABOR SCENE ANYWAY
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DUE TO THE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT GENERAL ECONOMIC

SITUATION WITH ITS GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT. (LEADERS OF SOCIALIST UGT AND CATHOLIC-ORIENTED USO HAVE ALSO RECENTLY CONFIRMED TO LABATT THAT THESE MAJOR NON-COMMUNIST CLANDESTINE LABOR GROUPS ARE STRONGLY AGAINST ANY LABOR VIOLENCE, AGITATION, OR STRIKE ACTIVITY AT THE TRANSITION).

2. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH NO MAJOR CLANDESTINE LABOR GROUPS WILL ENCOURAGE SUCH ACTIVITY, HE DID NOT TOTALLY EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT SMALL EXTREMIST FRINGE GROUPS SUCH AS FRAP OR OTHERS MIGHT SEEK IN SCATTERED LOCATIONS TO INCITE WORKERS OR PROVOKE INCIDENTS, BUT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF WORKERS WOULD NOT RESPOND.

3. INSTEAD OF STRIKE OR OTHER PROTESTS AGAINST THE NEW REGIME, THE WORKERS COMMISSIONS SOURCE SAID VIRTUALLY ALL CLANDESTINE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE FOCUSING THEIR ATTENTION ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL WORK. THE WORKERS COMMISSIONS ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR EVENTUAL "UNITY-OF-ACTION" TACTICS WITH OTHER CLANDESTINE LABOR GROUPS.
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